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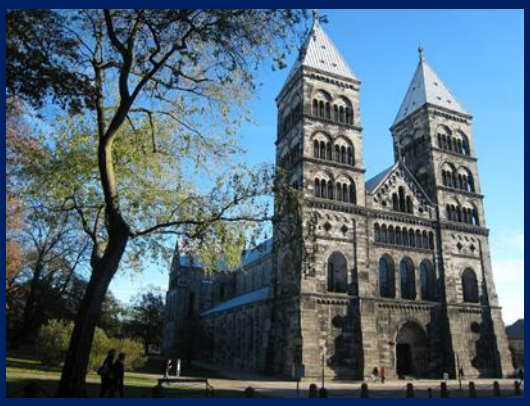

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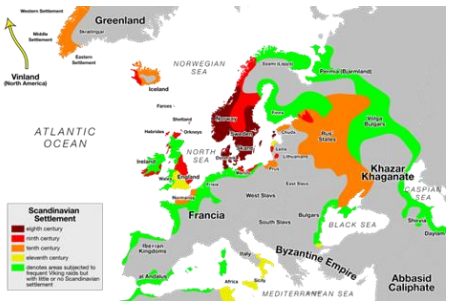
Year	Date	Event
530		Posited date of possibly legendary Battle on the Ice of Lake Vänern
c. 551		Getica of Jordanes, history of the Gothic people, written in Constantinople
750–790		Trade center Birka, island on Lake Mälaren near present-day Stockholm, established
750s		Beginnings of Scandinavian colonisation along Varangian trade routes (Baltic states to Black Sea)
c.793		Approximate beginning of Viking Age
800		Rök runestone carved
829		Ansgar's first mission to introduce Christianity to Sweden
850s		Olof I campaigns in Courland (present day western Latvia)

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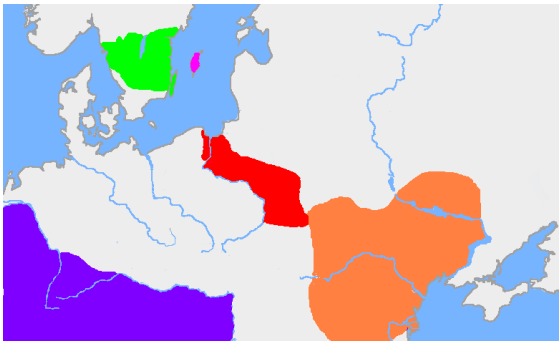

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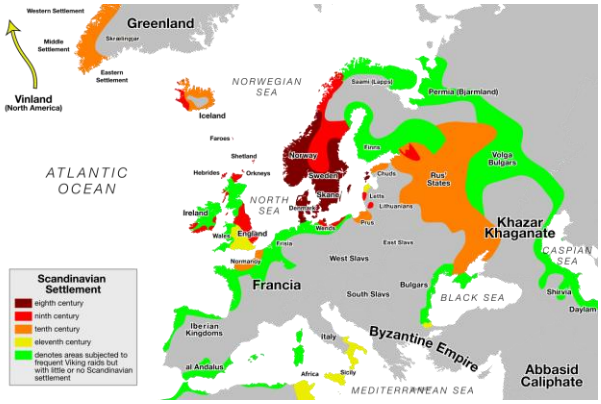

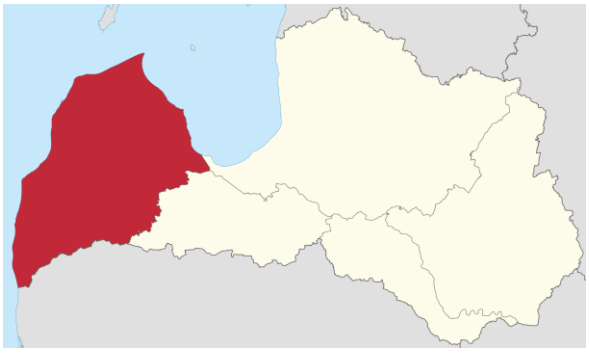

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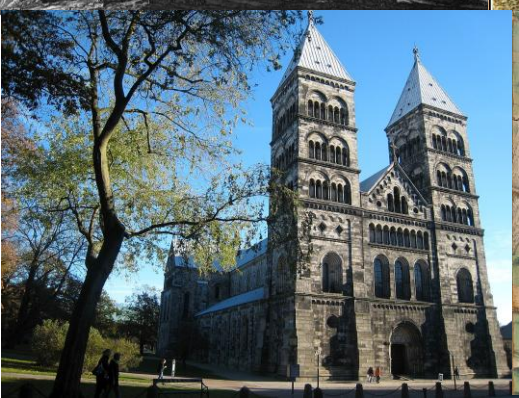
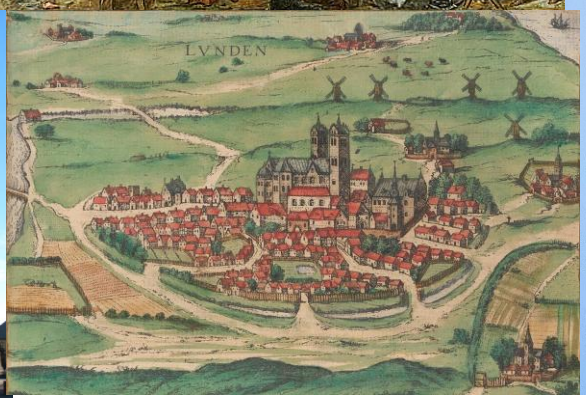
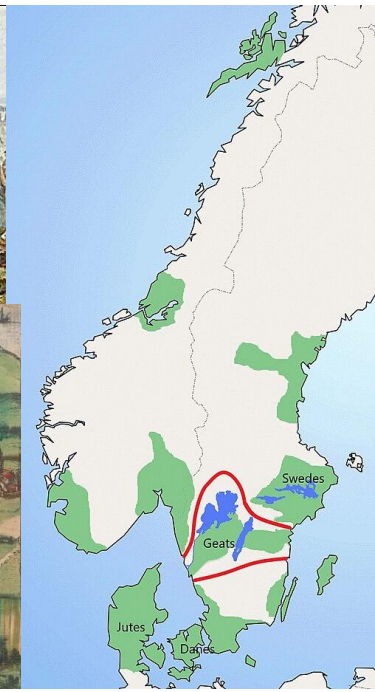
960		Settlement at Birka abandoned
980		City of Sigtuna founded
984		Battle of Fyrisvellir near present day Uppsala; Swedish and Geat tribes unite for first time under Eric the Victorious
990		City of Lund founded
995		Olof Skötkonung, first Swedish king of whom there is substantial historical knowledge, succeeds to throne







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1000		Gothi (pagan chieftain-priest) Þorgeirr Ljósvetningagoði endorses Christianity
1004		Olof Skötkonung baptized; begins adoption of Christianity as official religion
1036		Ingvar the Far-Travelled leads unsuccessful Viking attack against Persia
1085		City of Helsingborg founded
1087		Temple at Uppsala, the central place of worship within Ancient Norse paganism, destroyed at order of King Inge the Elder.

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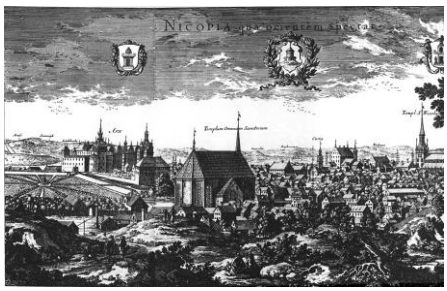
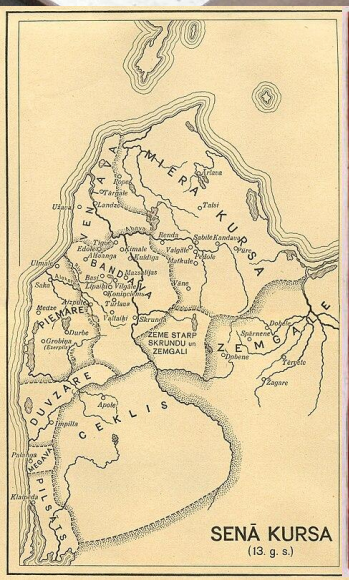
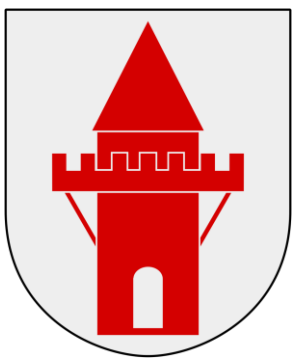
1100		Vreta Abbey, first Christian convent in Sweden, established
1187		Estonians, Curonians or/and Karelians invade and pillage Sigtuna killing archbishop Johannes City of Nyköping founded







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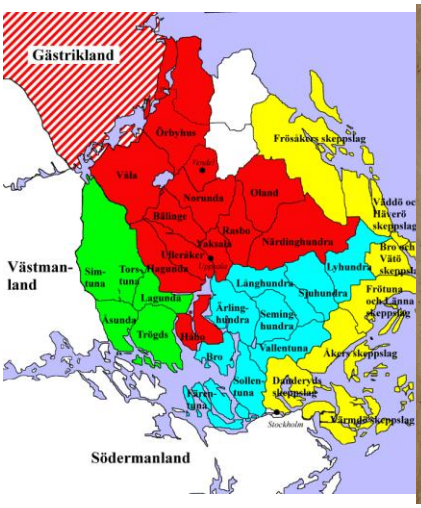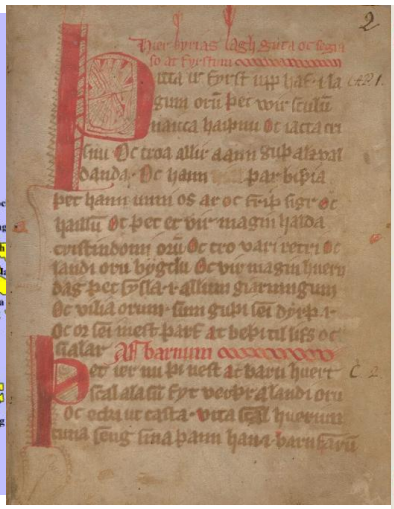
Year	Date	Event
1208		Battle of Lena
c. 1215		Eskil Magnusson, first historically attested lawspeaker of Thing of all Swedes (held in Tiundaland, present day Uppland)
c. 1220		Gutalagen law book (also containing the Gutasaga)
1240		Battle of the Neva
1252		City of Stockholm founded
1280		Ordinance of Alsnö gives birth to the frälse, a class of tax-exempt secular nobility